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Early Voters To Have New "I Voted" Sticker Options for General Election

State of Alaska Division of Elections (DOE) will rollout new stickers during the 2018 Alaska Federation of Natives Conference at its information booth on the 2^{nd} floor of the Dena'ina Center.

OCTOBER 18, JUNEAU – Alaskans planning to early vote will have an opportunity to wear new "I Voted" stickers for the November 6, 2018 General Election. The State of Alaska Division of Elections (DOE) collaborated with local Juneau artist, Pat Race, to create Alaska animal themed stickers reflecting each of the state's four regions.

"For me, the 'I Voted' stickers are a badge of honor," said artist Pat Race. "They show that you care enough about your state and community to participate and offer your guidance."

Polling locations will have the traditional blue and gold "I Voted" stickers on hand on Election Day and early voting stations will have the following animal options: Beaver, Caribou, Dungeness Crab, Eagle, Alaska King Crab, Moose, Raven and Walrus.

DOE offices will have a variety of translated versions of the stickers into Alaska Native languages along with Spanish and Tagalog relative to their regions.

"Voter engagement is a critical component to our elections process and we are excited to present Alaskans with more fun opportunities to share with their communities that they've participated on Election Day," said State Elections Director Josie Bahnke.

Race's artwork is also featured on the covers of the Official Election Pamphlets distributed to registered Alaska households earlier this month.

Early voting for the General Election begins Monday October 22, 2018 at approximately 188 early voting locations.

Media is welcome to visit the division's booth during AFN on the 2nd floor of the Dena'ina Center.

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